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REMARKS

Claims 2-28 and 30-38 are pending in the application.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner allowance of claims 2-26.

The Examiner rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C 101 as claiming the same invention as that of corresponding claim 10 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,829,485 ("Abrishamkar, et al."), (Examiner's error corrected by the Applicant for the sake of efficient prosecution). The Applicant hereby cancels claim 27, without prejudice.

The Examiner rejected claim 36 under 35 U.S.C 101 as claiming the same invention as that of the corresponding claim 12 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,771,616 ("Abrishamkar, et al."), (Examiner's error corrected by the Applicant for the sake of efficient prosecution). The Applicant hereby amends claim 36 to include the limitations of claims 37 and 38, cancels claims 37 and 38, and includes a timely filed terminal disclaimer to overcome the Examiner's rejection of claim 38. Therefore, claim 36 is now in a condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected claim 37 under 35 U.S.C 101 as claiming the same invention as that of the corresponding claim 13 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,771,616 ("Abrishamkar, et al."), (Examiner's error corrected by the Applicant for the sake of efficient prosecution). The Applicant hereby cancels claim 37, without prejudice, and includes the limitations of claim 37 in claim 36.

The Examiner rejected claim 38 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 14-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,771,616 ("Abrishamkar, et al."), (Examiner's error corrected by the Applicant for the sake of efficient prosecution). The Applicant hereby cancels claim 38, without prejudice, and includes the limitations of claim 38 in claim 36.

The Examiner rejected claims 28 and 30-31 under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,711,413 ("Heidari"). The Applicant hereby cancels claim 28, without prejudice.

The Examiner objected to claims 32-35 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and if no prior art rejection can be applied. The Applicant hereby amends independent claim 30 to include the limitations of dependent claims 31 and 32, and cancels, without prejudice, claims 31 and 32, to overcome the Examiner's rejection of claims

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30 and 31. The Applicant further amended each of claims 33 and 34 from being dependent on claim 32 to being dependent on claim 30 for proper claim dependency. Therefore, claim 30, as well as claims 33 and 34, is now in a condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of the response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 17-0026. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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